

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli
Absent: Wetzel (work)

Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm

Mayor Budesheim announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

SWEARING IN OF PATROLMAN KYLE PARRILL:

Mayor Budesheim announced that tonight we have the pleasure and honor of appointing Kyle Parrill as a Patrolman. Kyle has been a lifelong resident of Riverdale. He was a member of the Boy Scouts all through his youth before making the rank of Eagle and I had the privilege of sitting on his Eagle Board of Review. He went to high school at the Academy for Law and Public Safety before earning his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. He has experience working as a Class II officer here for roughly nine months. Kyle was the head of his graduating class when he graduated from the Academy last October. We are very proud of him and his accomplishments and especially proud to have him join our Police Force.

The Borough Clerk swore in Kyle Parrill as a Probationary Patrolman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Officer Roque Rodriguez of the National Guard updated the Council on their request to have a 5K run/walk and honorary renaming of Riverdale Road for one of their soldiers who was killed in action in October of 2011. The Morris County Director of Public Works informed him that as long as the route number is not changed the street name can be changed and it is up to the municipality.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the honorary renaming of Riverdale Road for SSG Jorge M. Oliveira who was killed in action in Afghanistan in October of 2011.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Mayor Budesheim directed Officer Rodriguez to contact the County with regard for payment for the sign.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) Payment of Utility Bills.

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Carelli
 Nays: None
 (5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 100-A**ITEMS FOR WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:**

- 1) Correspondence from Borough of Pompton Lakes regarding the desnagging of the Pequannock River and that as part of this process Riverdale assigned 75% of its N.J.D.E.P. Desnagging Grant to Pompton Lakes to also utilize their services to work in Riverdale under the direction of Paul Darmofalski. As a result of this Pompton Lakes is billing Riverdale the amount of \$34,079.73 for additional costs. (copy of letter transmitted to governing body with agenda)

Councilman Guis reminded the Council that \$100,000 was reserved from the Open Space fund for this. It will be put on the agenda for payment at the next meeting.

- 2) Correspondence from The Sports Authority requesting permission for extended hours to stay open on Thanksgiving Day until 12 a.m. and reopen at 5 a.m. on Friday November 29th. (copy of letter transmitted to governing body with agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated that we don't have a problem with this and it will be put on the agenda.

- 3) Ordinance No. 12-2013; Bond Ordinance. (copy of ordinance transmitted to governing body with agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated that the CFO prepared this ordinance. Councilman Guis stated that he would like to review the original ordinance for comparison.

- 4) Ordinance No. 13-2013; An Ordinance Granting Municipal Consent for the Operation of a Cable Television System within the Borough of Riverdale to Cablevision of Oakland, LLC.

Council discussed the ordinance and would like a shorter term and a senior citizen discount. The Borough Clerk will advertise for the public hearing to be held on November 4th.

- 5) Library has requested to be placed on the September 16th agenda to honor their teen volunteers who helped at the library this summer.

This will be on the agenda.

- 6) Donald Van Orden scheduled to receive a step increase as well as cost of living adjustment effective July 1, 2013, bringing new annual salary to \$38,300. (copy of mayors memo distributed to governing body with agenda)

Mayor Budesheim stated there was a mix-up in his salary all of last year and this will make up for it.

- 7) Payment in lieu of health benefits.

Mayor Budesheim stated that a police officer inquired about payment in lieu of health benefits. He is getting married and his future wife has health benefits that are not through **ITEMS FOR WORKSHOP DISCUSSION (continued):**

the State Health Benefit Plan. The most we are allowed to reimburse him is 25% of our net cost or \$5,000 whichever is less. We could save up to \$8,000 per year. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we would do this for anybody who meets the qualifications. Mayor Budesheim will tell the officer we need a letter of understanding from the PBA.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he and PBA President Pat Harden came to an agreement on salary for the Lieutenant position. The first year will be a \$2,000 increase and the following year a \$3,000 increase. The amendment will be on the next agenda.

Councilman Carelli asked about the PBA contract document. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the arbitrator's decision becomes incorporated into the contract. We will get a document that we will ratify.

Mayor Budesheim asked the Council if they are ready to entertain promoting to a lieutenant. There are four sergeants who would be eligible and we would have three sergeants and a lieutenant. This would not create an additional person. Councilman Falkoski stated that it's necessary to have another superior officer in order to have a chain of command. This will be on the next agenda and a promotion committee will be formed.

8) Custodian position.

Mayor Budesheim stated that our custodian has been working for us over two years and doing an excellent job. He's working 25 hours and the work is there to bring him up to 40 hours. We would not pay for health benefits as his wife has State Health Benefits. Councilman Guis proposed he work Saturday through Wednesday so he can do the cleanups at the Glenburn and Community Center. Councilman Astarita proposed that his hours be flexible. This will be discussed with the custodian and be put on the next agenda.

9) Honorary Renaming of Riverdale Road.

This item was discussed in public session.

10) Resolution No. 66-2013; Submittal of Grant Application & Execution of Agreement NJDOT for Federal Place and Halsey Avenue Improvement Project.

11) Resolution No. 67-2013; Submittal of Grant Application & Execution of Agreement NJDOT for Sidewalk Improvements to Federal Place and Halsey Avenue.

Mayor Budesheim stated these two items will be on the agenda for approval.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported there is a situation with the electric bills for the traffic signal on Route 23 by Home Depot. The electric is provided by Butler Electric and there is \$2,000 owed. We've been sending the bills to the state since it's a state highway and they keep sending them back. They sent us a copy of a resolution signed by Mayor Dedio on May 13, 2004, and he left office in August of 2003, stating the borough agrees to pay the electric. I can't understand why we would pay the electric. I went through the minutes from 2003 and can't find that this was ever brought up for approval. Borough Attorney Oostdyk suggested we get a meeting with someone at the state to discuss the matter. Borough Clerk Talerico will search her records for any additional information.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that she will be adding an escrow bill to the bills list.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported the custodian was left off the salary resolution but that will be taken care of at the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

Fire Chief Dan Sturm reported that Pompton Lakes has a waiting list of about 10 members. Our ordinance says you have to live or work in the borough to be a fireman here. He asked if we could change the ordinance or do something to get more help in town from our mutual aid departments. It was decided to amend the ordinance at the next meeting.

Police Chief Kevin Smith reported that the car camera system is becoming outdated and should be replaced. He has obtained three price quotes. Mayor Budesheim stated that this was discussed as part of the bond ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported on a proposal he obtained for the roofing system. The cost is \$48,000 so we will need to go to bid.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo reported that they've been interviewing for a bookkeeper and have it narrowed down to two candidates. In the middle of this a borough employee got involved and before I move forward I want to get that resolved. We're going to issue that employee a RICE notice so we can talk about it at the next meeting. Councilman Carelli asked for copies of the resumes since it falls under his committee.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Tom Batelli, Cannella Way, asked about negotiations with Cablevision. Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded.

Michael Reilly, Greenwich Street, asked if there was an ordinance pertaining to overnight parking at Wal-Mart. Mayor Budesheim stated there is an ordinance prohibiting overnight parking of trailers. There was a discussion regarding Wal-Mart's policy of allowing campers to stay overnight in their parking lots and whether there is a negative side to this. Police Chief Smith stated that there haven't been any problems. Councilman Mastrangelo stated his concern for potential problems and that if we have an ordinance it should be enforced. Mayor Budesheim instructed the Police Chief to begin enforcing the ordinance.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol J. Talerico, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk